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Photography of early [REDACTED] has revealed training activity at the Dong Hoi Army Barracks WNW located 1.6 nautical miles (nm) north-west of the Dong Hoi Citadel between Routes 1A and 104 (Figure 1). Before being dismantled after repeated airstrikes in early 1965, the area was estimated to have a capacity of 12,500 men and was known to have an infantry training area and three driver-training courses.

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The [REDACTED] photography revealed numerous personnel in the barracks area as well as in nearby villages. There is an active driver-training area with vehicles negotiating a figure-8 course (Figure 2) and an occupied AAA site that appears to be a training site due to the large number of personnel present (Figure 3). Part of the dismantled barracks area is being used for a motor pool, where several trucks are parked and POL facilities for refueling are observed. Forty-five cargo trucks, seven tents, eight POL tank trucks, and at least one hundred 55-gallon POL drums are in the immediate area. The vehicles are being utilized in training, are parked, or are undergoing repairs in a vehicle maintenance area.

The activity at the Dong Hoi Army Barracks WNW is the first indication that the North Vietnamese are reactivating abandoned military areas south of the 19th parallel and are initiating new training programs near the extreme southern portion of North Vietnam.

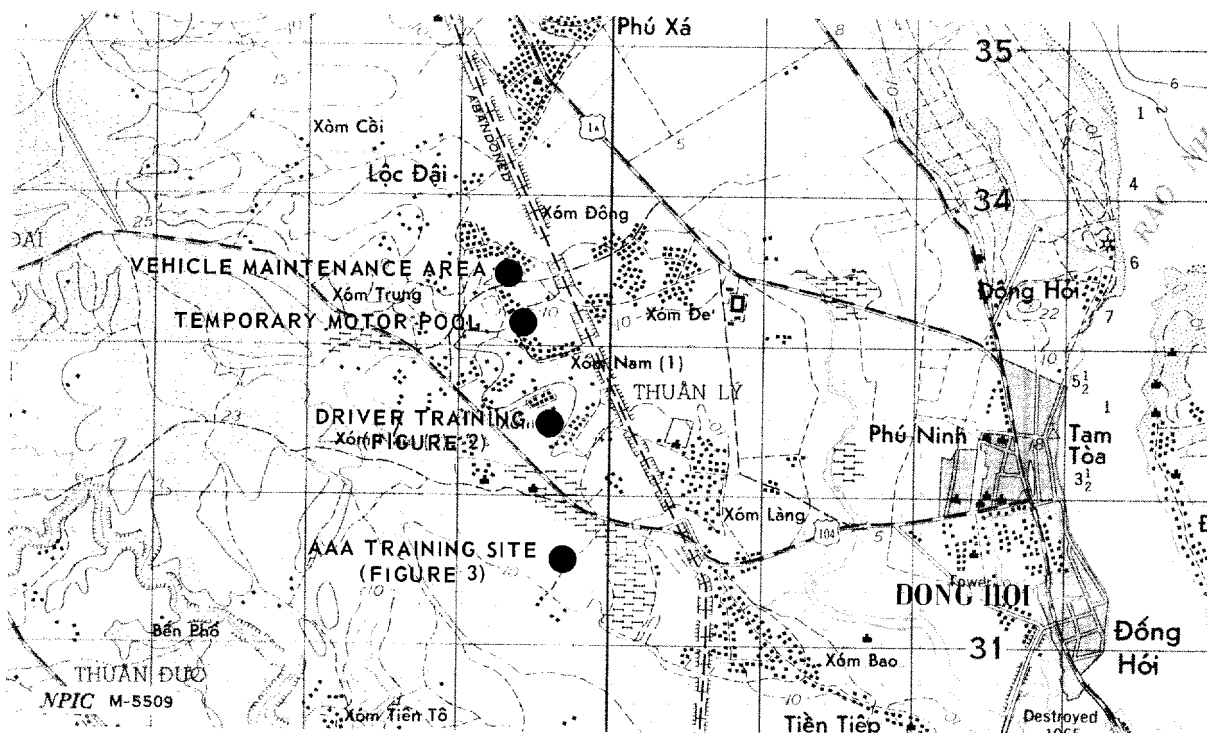


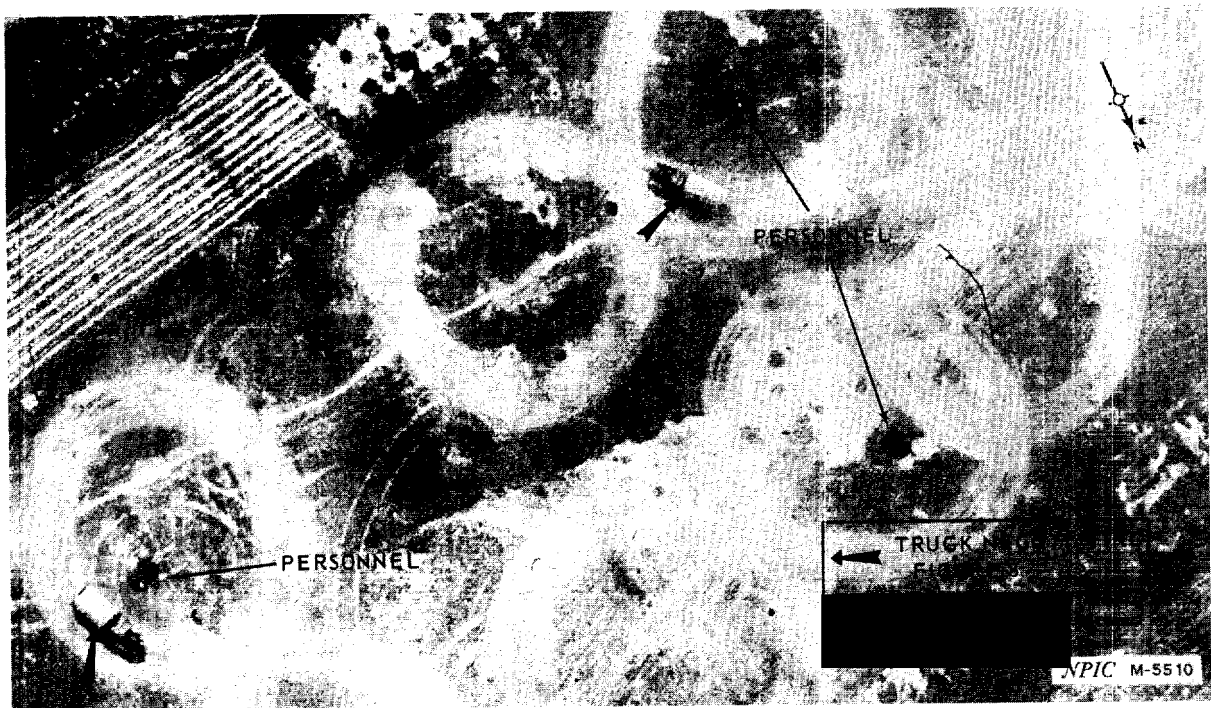
FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION MAP.

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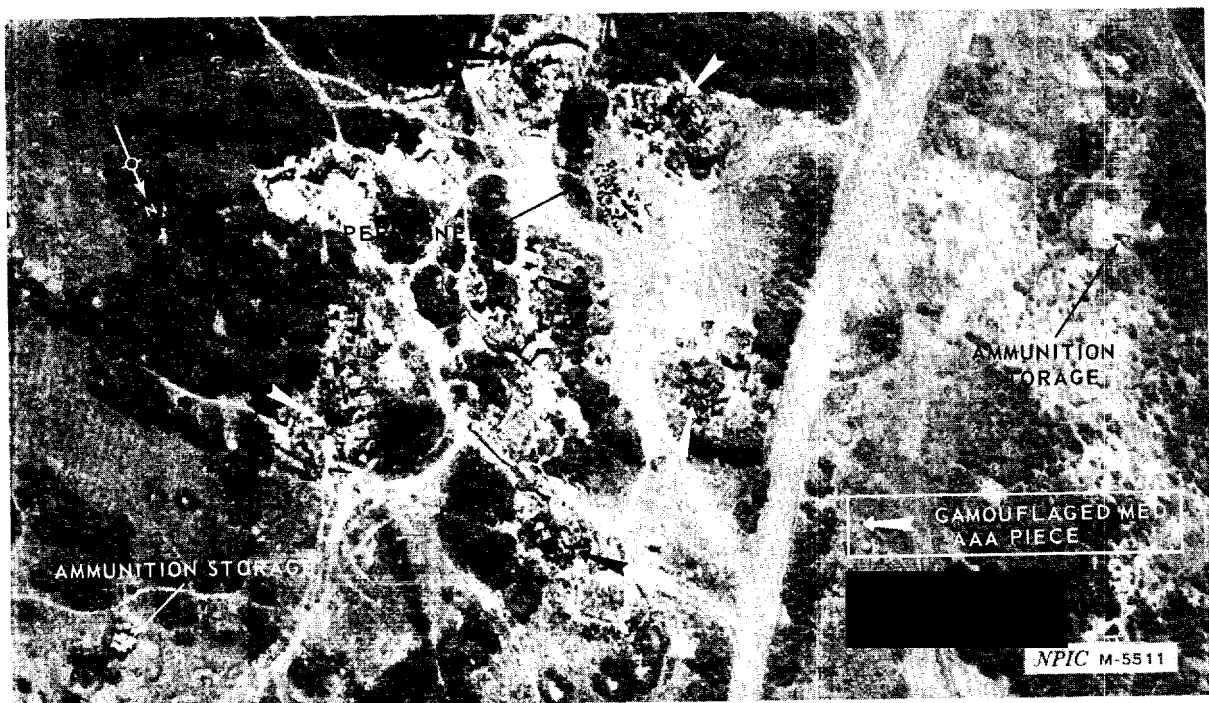
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FIGURE 2. DRIVER-TRAINING AREA, DONG HOI, NORTH VIETNAM.



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FIGURE 3. PROBABLE AAA TRAINING AREA, DONG HOI, NORTH VIETNAM.

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